

# SOUNDS QUEER TO SOME BUT FLAG FOR GRIFFS IS A REAL POSSIBILITY

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DETROIT, Mich., June 12.—Ridiculous as it may appear to many old Washington fans, who have lived for years dreaming of pennant victory only to see their teams finish in the rack, it is possible for Zeb Milan to lead his gang across the finish line ahead of all the others and then go out and tackle the Giants or whichever team grabs the National League gonfalon.

Furthermore, some of the more conservative members of the team have been figuring out just what chances the team has to achieve this feat.

The Griffmen opened their first invasion of the West last Tuesday at Cleveland. That day they were in fourth place, with a percentage of .479. They had won twenty-three and lost twenty-five ball games.

One-third of the season has now gone. The teams are bearing away to completing the first half of the campaign and the fighting is sure to become more bitter with the days. Pitching is improving all along the line. The real hitters are climbing in the averages. The real fielders are delivering the goods. Class will begin to tell more and more from now to the end of the season.

Opening at Cleveland last Tuesday, the Griffis had exactly 106 ball games left on their schedule. They were one game behind the Indians, and had a percentage of .497. In 1914, the Boston Braves were absolutely last, with a percentage of .287. They hit a streak and won 83 out of their last 116 games, an average of .716.

In 1906, the Chicago White Sox were sixth on June 4. They struck their stride. They won sixteen victories in a row. From June 4 to the close of that feverish campaign the White Sox won an average of .616 and battled the Cubs in the world series as their reward. The Griffis are the two extremes tending to show the possibilities for the Griffmen of 1922.

After a long stay at the Polo Grounds the New York Yanks had a percentage of .625 on June 4, last season. Benefiting by a similar long home stay, the Cleveland Indians had a percentage of .653. Apparently the going is rougher this year than it was in 1921.

Looking back over six American League campaigns, the Red Sox in 1918 traveled at the slowest pace after June set in. Winning forty-eight and losing thirty-five games to the end of the season, their percentage was .578. The Yanks set up the highest mark last year, winning seventy-two and losing thirty-seven, for an average of .661. This is a considerably faster pace than the Yanks have been traveling this spring, though assisted by that long home stay in May.

In 1917 the Chicago White Sox won the pennant with a percentage of .685. From June 4 to the end of the season they traveled at the rate of .634. The next year the Red Sox had a mark of .595 when the season closed. In 1916 the Red Sox won with a percentage of .581.

If that same percentage of .591 is enough to win this year's flag, the Griffmen must win sixty-eight out of their last 106 games, or move along at a gait of .641, which is faster than the Yanks have done this year. Veterans who have watched many pennant races are convinced that this year's winner in the American League will have a percentage close to .600, possibly a little above it but not far away from it.

If the Griffmen can win 93 and lose 61 games for a percentage of .604, they should come close to winning the banner. To do this they must win 70 out of their last 106 ball games, traveling at a rate of .660. In 1906 the hitless wonders of Chicago traveled at a rate of .673. In 1914 the Philadelphia Athletics won the pennant at the phenomenal rate of .716 from June to October.

These figures are shown merely to prove that it has been done. Many signs in the skies tend to prove that this year's winner will have no easy time hanging up the victory. The favorite, New York, is not playing tight enough to suit the close followers of the game. The Browns, instead of offering a strengthened pitching staff, are about as they were last year, always dangerous but never too much so.

The Griffmen, staggering away from the tape in poor style, have rounded into such form that they are exceedingly dangerous all the time. Much sign in the skies tends to prove that the Detroit Tigers, the Boston Red Sox, when given any sort of pitching, can win games by means of their heavy hitting. The same goes for the Philadelphia Athletics.

The weakest team as June gets under way are the Cleveland Indians. An unfortunate training season has ruined the Indians. They were snowed in and rained out in Texas this year and have never recovered. Illness to such valuable players as Tris Speaker, Stuffy McInnis, Allan Rothman and Larry Gardner, with injuries to several others, including Steve O'Neill, have just about killed all hope for the Cleveland club. The death of "Sunny Jim" Dunn, the popular magnate, is also likely to have a dampening effect upon the players to whom Dunn was like a big brother.

The peculiar schedule which has caused thirteen games to be played between Washington and New York by May 25 eventually proved to be a help to the Griffmen, provided they find themselves in the flag hunt as the last few weeks begin.

Through the last month the Griffis have two games in New York and one in Washington with the Yanks. As the Yanks have been poison to the Griffis this year, doing more than any other club to shove them down into the cellar, this schedule may prove of great value to the Washington club. "Park Griffith is reluctant to discuss pennants. He has been bitterly

## Indoor Sports

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By TAD

## EVEN BREAK BEST GRIFFS CAN EXPECT IN DETROIT

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DETROIT, Mich., June 12.—By winning today and tomorrow, Zeb Milan's gang may succeed in breaking even with Ty Cobb's jungle cats, about the best they can do. All possibility of taking the series fled with the appearance on the mound of Herman Pilette, the big right-hander from Portland in the Coast League, who held the Washingtonians to two hits. Another victory for the Tigers today will give them the edge in this series and pull the Griffis back to an even count since coming West, three victories and three defeats.

This Pilette person is a young giant. Washington fans did not see him when the Tigers were recently in the Capital, but they will get a peek at him in the next time the Jungle Cats go East. They will see a huge lad, standing well above six feet and weighing some 200 pounds or more. They will see an overhanded delivery that is sheer poison to the ambitious batsman.

Pilette is the pitcher who forced Charles Robertson, of the White Sox, to pitch a no-hit, no-man-reach first-base victory to defeat him, 1 to 0, some weeks ago. The Portland flinger is inclined to wildness when not quite ready for his best work.

However, against the Griffmen he was himself and showed almost no signs of wildness.

Joe Judge walked opening the second inning, only to be doubled up by Turkey Brower. For the first six innings not a smell of a bludge did the Griffmen get, and exactly eight men had managed to get the plate and back again over that stretch. It was not till Bob LaMotte drove a long fly to Cobb in right center that any of the Griffis succeeded in driving the ball beyond the infielders. That was the sixth inning, and Mogridge followed with one other fly to Veach.

Visions of a hitless game were before the big crowd, which completely filled every available seat and overflowed out upon the grass encircling the athletes. For those first six innings not a hit had been made, and Bluege opened the seventh with a strike-out. The fans could hardly withhold their cheers, so sure were they that Pilette would shut the pitchers' hall of fame with a no-hit victory.

It remained for Bucky Harris, up second in the seventh, to smash Pilette's hopes. The Griffman tore a double down the third-base line into the crowd under the grass encircling the athletes. That day's work for the young hurler, but there is no sentiment in baseball and Joe Judge pounded on right through Bobby Jones in that same inning, making certain that Pilette would hang up no record. And those hits were all the Griffis got.

Sam Rice bounced to Pilette and Harris was run down and killed at third base. Rice reached second during the murder and got to third on Judge's hot one through. Then Pilette, summoned all his power and fanned Turkey Brower, leaving Rice and Judge where they were.

With one gone in the eighth Pilette drew a walk, the second of the day off the big Tiger twirler. He never got to second, LaMotte flying to Cobb and Zeb Milan, up for Mogridge, rolling to Cuthaw.

Counting the double by Bucky Harris, just four balls were hammered beyond the infield. Twice LaMotte fled to Cobb and Veach started between the bases in the sixth. Pilette passed two batsmen. Judge in the second and Pilette in the eighth. He fanned three, Harris in the first, and Bluege and Brower in the seventh. Then Pilette, summoned all his power and fanned Turkey Brower, leaving Rice and Judge where they were.

Almost in direct contrast, was George Mogridge, pitching his first game in two weeks. He had trouble finding the plate and, when he did find it, he had little with which to puzzle the big crowd. Jones, the two clean drivers to center, Cobb grabbed a pair and Bobby Veach collected three safe swats, yet all three Tigers are lefthand hitters. No better evidence could be offered showing the poor form of Mogridge.

To rub it in, Johnny Bassler, another southpaw hitter, got a single and a double off the slender slinger from the Capital.

Harry Heilmann cinched things with another of his terrific drives out among the poor fish in the sun seats. That came in the fifth after Jones and Veach had singled. They romped around the bases of the big outfield, while some 30,000 fans stood and howled with joy.

Joe Gleason pitched the eighth inning and did not look so very good. He was opened up by LaMotte to the crowd in center, a passed ball advancing him a corner. Jones took a walk and Cobb's clean single to center scored Blue. On Veach's bump to the box Jones died at third, and the next two batsmen did nothing.

Standing out brightly was the work of George Cuthaw, the veteran from the National League. He had six assists and two putouts. He raced well into contention for Harris' fly in the fourth and displayed plenty of pep all day. He got two singles and scored a run in five times up.

Second only to Cuthaw was Bobby Jones. He had two putouts and five assists, a couple of the latter coming after knocking down hard drives right at him. He scored two runs and hit safely twice out of four times at bat. George Harris opened with a LaMotte showed plenty of speed in the field, galloping long distances for fly balls. Harris looked especially good when he beat out Judge and grabbed Veach's foul fly in the seventh.

When he came up for Mogridge in the eighth, Zeb Milan drove a long fly to the corner in right. Harry Heilmann made a desperate effort to seize the ball, leaping right among the fans squinting on the grass. One bug was spiked, and Ty Cobb held up the game a few minutes to see that the injured fan was cared for. Then Milan rolled to Cuthaw.

Four mounted policemen herded the big crowd on the field into place, trotting up and down the lines until the game started. Then



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## Big League Stars Who Are Scrapping For Top Honors

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YESTERDAY'S HOME-RUN HITTERS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Season's.

Player. Club. No. Total.

Helman, Detroit. 10. 10.

Tobin, St. Louis. 1. 5.

Wood, Cleveland. 1. 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Stengel, New York. 1. 1.

Wheat, Brooklyn. 1. 8.

LEAGUE TOTALS.

American, 177.

National, 136.

LEADING MAJOR LEAGUE HITTERS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Player. Club. G. AB. R. H. Pct.

Slater, Browns. 23. 219. 49. 94. 42.

Stephenson, Indians. 30. 101. 25. 40. 39.

O'Neill, Indians. 41. 121. 9. 46. 38.

Miller, Phila. 45. 179. 37. 67. 37.

Speaker, Clev. 44. 168. 32. 62. 36.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Hornsbay, Cardinals. 51. 191. 44. 73. 38.

Bigbee, Pirates. 46. 191. 34. 73. 38.

T. Griffith, Brook. 31. 101. 15. 37. 36.

Daubert, Cin. 56. 212. 41. 75. 35.

Kelly, New York. 50. 192. 27. 67. 34.

HOME-RUN SLUGGERS.

Player. Club. Home Runs.

Williams, Browns. 14.

Hornsbay, Cardinals. 13.

Miller, Athletics. 12.

Walker, Athletics. 10.

LEADING RUN MAKERS.

Player. Club. Runs.

Slater, Browns. 48.

Johnston, Dodgers. 45.

Hornsbay, Cardinals. 44.

Carey, Pirates. 44.

Daubert, Pirates. 41.

Blue, Tigers. 41.

LEADING BASE STEALERS.

Player. Club. Stolen Bases.

Slater, Browns. 24.

Williams, Browns. 18.

Bigbee, Pirates. 12.

Daubert, Pirates. 11.

Doak, Cardinals. 8.

Pilette, Tigers. 8.

LEADING PITCHERS.

Player. Club. W. L. Pct.

Bush, Yankees. 7. 0. 1.000.

Miller, Braves. 4. 0. 1.000.

Reuther, Dodgers. 7. 2. .848.

Daubert, Pirates. 5. 1. .833.

Doak, Cardinals. 8. 2. .800.

Pilette, Tigers. 8. 2. .800.

## LIGHTWEIGHT DISPUTE SHOWS NEW FACES NEEDED

The stir created by Bobby Barrett's bout with Lew Tendler shows what can be done with a little advertising. Here was a youngster scarcely above the preliminary class meeting the leading contender for the title, and the bout created almost as much excitement as a championship match.

Barrett was scientifically built up for this match, in which he never had a chance. His boosters had only one thing to work on, but that was enough. Barrett could sock with startling results when his opponent was foolish enough to allow his chin to remain in the path of a wild swing. Fight fans dearly love a hitter. They knew that Barrett was outclassed, but they figured that something might happen with him in the ring.

If Barrett had been a very clever boxer with ordinary hitting ability he would have had to beat half the leading contenders before he would have attracted as much attention as he did by flattening a few third raters. Even then his bout with the runner-up for the title would not have been regarded as worthy of particular attention.

The enthusiasm with which the fans greeted the advent of this youngster shows how great is the demand for a few real fighters in the lightweight division. Aside from Tendler, the contenders are a lot of worn-out veterans and there is not a real hitter among them. Charley White has a dangerous left hook, but Charley is such a slow thinker he never hits anything with it.

Barrett's boom was as short lived as that of One-Round Hogan, whom he resembles in some respects. In four-round bouts out on the Pacific coast Hogan knocked out the second round.

Although, like Barrett, he had never faced a first-class man Hogan was smoked up so well that he was brought on here for a match with Ad Wolgast, who held the title at that time.

Hogan did not last as long as Barrett in his first outing in fast company. Wolgast put him down and out a number of unknowns in big fights. The boxing commission has come in for such criticism because that body threatens to remove Johnny Wilson and Johnny Kilbane from their respective thrones unless these peaceful rulers defend their titles. Numerous critics point out that such a thing never has been done and therefore never should be done. That sounds more like conservative England than progressive America.

In the old days champions took some pride in being champions, and they did not have to be forced into action. Times have changed and new rules are required to meet the changed conditions. Today a ring champion thinks only of the money he can make out of his title. Not one of the present set will take a chance with an opponent he does not feel sure of beating.

It is saying that the commission is oversteering its authority that matter is foolish nonsense. Under the law it is clothed with authority to regulate boxing, and some of its rules are far more radical than that of a champion must fight or get out. If the commission has authority to regulate the price of tickets and the amount the promoter may pay the boxers it certainly has authority enough to declare a title void when the holder refuses to defend it.

Although the local commission's ruling will have no effect outside this State no champion can afford to be barred in New York. This State is more important in a boxing circuit to ride the umpires to their death.

Three Home Runs.

The Kenilworth A. C. defeated the Peotoma A. C. in a slugfest game, 18 to 11. Shellas, Ruppard and Mostyn knocked out home runs.

## Baseball Bombshells

The Reds got ten hits against three for the Giants but finished second again when Casey Stengel slapped a homer into the stands in the seventh. Score, 2 to 1. It was Ryan against the Duke and the Signor had all the better of it until Casey declined to emulate Mudville's hero.

It was Leverage day at Comiskey park and the honored son of Gary, Ind., celebrated the occasion by pitching the White Sox to a 7-to-6 victory over the Red Sox and driving in the winning runs in the thirteenth with a double.

For the fifth time in as many starts this season, the Cubs failed to stop the Dodgers, losing this one through an epidemic of five-thumbed work on the defense.

The Indians pulled out a ninth-inning victory over the Athletics, 9 to 8, when Evans smote a triple and Rommel and L. Sewer and Jamieson scattered across the winning runs.

Harry Heilmann staked himself to his tenth home run of the season as the Tigers handed a 3-to-0 defeat to the Senators.

## NEWS WRITERS SOLVE BIG GOLF MYSTERY TODAY

Teams From "Fourth Estate" of Four Cities Competing in New York.

NEW YORK, June 12.—The committee directing the great newspaper golf mystery, which is on at the Engineers' Country Club, Roslyn, L. I., today, announced this morning that a local constable would be present to arrest any participant who picked up his ball and refused to return a score.

This is the greatest golfing event ever organized and developed by newspaper men. It is the second in the history of such meetings, the first contest having been committed last year at New York's Boston.

Today's event is of wider and more comprehensive scope. Newspaper golfers from New York, Boston, Washington and Philadelphia are to participate for individual honors and for the team trophy presented by the editor and Publisher, which must be won twice for permanent possession. Each city will enter a ten-player team for this cup.

While President Harding, a member of the Washington newspaper club, failed to make the Washington team and will not attend, there are other illustrious personalities on the course. The suggestion that a scorer be sent out with every pair sounded reasonable, but the committee finally decided to conduct the tournament on the "honor system."

Washington's players follow: Robert J. Bender, United Press; Newbold Noves and W. R. McCallum, Washington Star; Robert T. Small, Consolidated Press; Bryan Morse, Washington Times; Horace Green, Leslie's; R. B. Choate, New York World; Russell T. Edwards, American Forestry Magazine; R. P. Garnett, Journal of Engineering; and Frederic J. Haskin, Haskin Syndicate. Henry L. West and William E. Brigham will act as substitutes, while Carter Field and several others will make the trip.

## SEAT PLEASANT WINS NINTH STRAIGHT GAME

The Seat Pleasant Athletic Association ran its list of victories up to nine straight when it defeated the Brookmont A. C. 15 to 0 in the first game of a double-header, and took the strong W. F. Roberts aggregation into camp in the second game, 5 to 4.

Pinkert held the Brookmonts to three hits in the first game, while his hitting was mainly responsible for the defeat handed the Roberts nine in the second contest.

## Pitched Perfect Game.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., June 12.—John O'Keefe, of St. Peter's Prep School, Jersey City, pitching for the Plainfield Catholic Club against the Ball Kirsch American Legion team of North Plainfield, did not allow a run or hit, and only twenty-seven men faced him, of whom he fanned seven. The score was 10 to 0.

## JOHNNY SHUGRUE TO BATTLE IN HOME TOWN

NEW YORK, June 12.—Johnny Shugrue, conqueror of Johnny Dundee, will make his first appearance before his home town fans when he battles Gene Delmont, of Memphis, over the twelve-round distance at the Oakland A. A., in Jersey City, Monday evening.

Shugrue is the leading lightweight Jersey has turned out in a long while and those who have watched him in action say he is as great a fighter as his brother Joe was. The latter was well on the way to winning the lightweight championship when his eyesight forced his retirement.

## TRUTH ON RUTH

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Total homers of career, 168.

Total homers of season, 6.

FIRST INNING—New York, 0; St. Louis, 2. Shocker pitching. Two out and Ward on second. Walked on four wide pitches.

FIFTH INNING—St. Louis, 2; New York, 0. Shocker pitching. None out and none on base. Ball one, slow; ball two, inside; ball three, inside; strike one, called; strike two, swung; strike three, swung.

THIRD INNING—New York, 0; St. Louis, 2. Shocker pitching. Two out and Ward on second. Walked on four wide pitches.

SIXTH INNING—New York, 5; St. Louis, 4. Shocker pitching. Two out and none on base. Strike one, called; ball one, wide; lined to Slater.

EIGHTH INNING—New York, 8; St. Louis, 4. Bayne pitching. One out and Miller on second. Ball one, wide; strike one, called; ball two, low; ball three, strike two, called; ball four.

Batting average:

Games. AB. R. H. TB. Pct.

20. 70. 16. 20. 43. .287

disappointed more than once, seeing his team losing out as late as the final day of the season. But he seems satisfied with the way things are going now.

"At this time of the year," is his way of talking, "it's better to be lying in behind the pace-makers. Everybody likes to shoot at the leader. The best pitchers are saved to face them. Every effort is made to upset them. Not so much attention is paid to the clubs trailing in behind the first or second teams."

"What Milan's team must do, though, is never to drop out of reach of the leaders. It will be hard work keeping this up all through the hot weather, but it is absolutely necessary if the team is to be well placed when the final monthly sets in. The pennant is really decided in September."

"If Milan can have his team well placed when Labor Day comes, he will be in a position to whip his men together, use only his best pitchers, who will be at their best then, and really get somewhere. If he is too far behind, his chance is gone."

"But right now I'd rather Milan were where he is than stepping out in front with the Yankees, sharing the knicks and a stage always planned for the pace-makers."

Manager Milan, asked for his opinion of his pennant chasers, grins and talks about something else. He believes he has troubles enough as things are now without borrowing any from the future.

MACOMBER COLORS RUN THIRD IN FRENCH DERBY

CHANTILLY, June 12.—Ramus, Jockey Stern riding, won the French Derby. He finished a short head in front of Keafaling, ridden by Donohue, which was two lengths ahead of A. K. Macomber's Algerien, the favorite, ridden by Frank O'Neill, the American jockey.

The race carried a purse of 150,000 francs, offered by the Jockey Club. Betting on Ramus was 5 to 1. Bets were made on Algerien at 3 to 1.

League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

W. L. Pct.

New York. 25. 19. 620. Cincinnati. 27. 24. 490.

Pittsburgh. 27. 19. 587. Chicago. 22. 27. 430.

Washington. 26. 27. 480. Boston. 23. 29. 447.

Detroit. 23. 27. 481. St. Louis. 21. 28. 429.

Yesterday's Games.

Detroit. 8; Washington. 0.

Chicago. 7; Boston. 6.

Cleveland. 4; Philadelphia. 8.

New York. 8; St. Louis. 4.

Today's Games.

Washington at Detroit.

New York at St. Louis.

Boston at Chicago.

Philadelphia at Cleveland.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

W. L. Pct.

New York. 31. 19. 620. Cincinnati. 27. 24. 490.

Pittsburgh. 27. 19. 587. Chicago. 22. 27. 430.

Washington. 26. 27. 480. Boston. 23. 29. 447.

Detroit. 23. 27. 481. St. Louis. 21. 28. 429.

Yesterday's Games.

New York. 2; Cincinnati. 1.

Brooklyn. 3; Chicago. 1.

Cleveland. 1; St. Louis.